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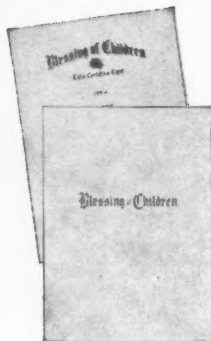
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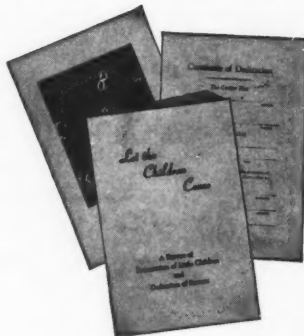


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I WONDER

by Mary Blair Immel

I cannot help but wonder
what
I would have done had I lived
then.
Would I have dropped my
fisher's net
Or left the mundane pleasures
when
He called?

Would I have been concerned
about my place
And what to eat and drink
and wear?
Would I have watched that
fearful night
Or slept, as in the garden
there
He prayed?

Would I have been disheart-
ened, frightened
And smothered in my spirit-
ual gloom?
Would I have turned away to
other things
And missed the journey to the
tomb?
I wonder!

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A Faith to Live by

Who Is My Neighbor?

by Joe N. Lacy

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*"But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus,
'And who is my neighbor?'"—LUKE 10:29*

Once Jim, a boy from Houston, came to our town and fell in with the wrong crowd—a group of boys who cheated him with their false friendship, robbed him of his pride, leaving him lonely and discouraged.

One day Bill, a boy of about the same age, met Jim, but when he had talked to him for a short time, he left him just as lonely as before. And likewise a young girl saw the boy and observed his loneliness, but went away and left him friendless.

Then one day at school, Jerry, a member of the Christian Youth Fellowship, met him, saw his plight and befriended him. He went to him, and soothed him, making him feel at home. Then Jerry took him and showed him around the school and the city, and took him to church several times.

He introduced Jim to some school friends and said, "Let's be nice to Jim and try to show him he has lots of friends. Perhaps he will want to help us in our Sunday evening fellowship."

Which, now, of these three do you think was a real neighbor and friend to Jim, the boy who was left friendless? We say, "He that befriended the boy."

Then the Teacher says, "Go, and you do the same."

by Ellis Cowling

Fathers and Sons

"Boys are harder to rear than girls." This often repeated statement seems to rest on a solid foundation of fact. The vast majority of delinquent juveniles are boys; the young adult criminals of which J. Edgar Hoover has made us so aware are mostly young men.

Most of our prison population are men.

In church school, we have more girls than boys present, particularly in the teen years; the imbalance of boys and girls in our youth fellowships is a perpetual problem to the leaders of young people. The truth is that our sons are far less likely to stay in the church after maturity than our daughters.

We can extend our observation to our public schools where the same kind of facts appear. Those who are most frequently sent to the principal's office for discipline are boys. This is true even in our colleges.

What is the reason for all this? The accepted answer is "maleness." We reveal this in our everyday speech. If male child is sturdy, independent and mischievous, we affectionately call him "a real boy."

We raise our sons and daughters by different standards, different freedoms—in type and degree. At a younger age boys are often free to go unsupervised.

This greater freedom for boys extends into college. Girls must be in at a certain time, get special permission to be gone over week ends. Let's face it—we make it easier for a college boy to get into trouble.

Take the matter of having an adult pattern to copy. Not only is a girl kept closer to her home, but when she is at home her mother is usually there with her. If the girl follows the expected pattern she will some day be a wife, a mother and a homemaker. In her homebound early years she constantly watches her mother in this role.

But today the boy seldom if ever has the opportunity to see his father at work. With the increasing trend toward suburban living, men become commuters in increasing numbers, with their families infrequently.

The one male example which the boy has in school is usually only that of older boys. If he behaves "too well" he risks being an outcast.

If the boy is taken to church he will find women outnumber him. His church school teachers are likely to be women.

If father stays at home with the admonition to "run along with mother" he is saying in effect that church and the things for which it stands are good

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Daughters and Dads

by H. Preston James

All daughters have had dads. Some have been so fortunate as to keep them to this day. Some can think of them only as factors of some consequence in their remote or immediate past. Keeping or losing a dad is not within the power of any daughter. Forces beyond her reach generally determine whether she still has her dad with her, and if she has, she can be grateful to the Almighty for sparing him to her.

Daughter-dad relationships are many. To some daughters (and to some wives) the elder male in the family is merely the checkbook, the means of support, the resource to be commanded.

To some daughters, dad is head of the house, the one whose word is final authority for action, the one whose decision is to be observed by the rest of the family. Perhaps it is unfortunate, perhaps fortunate, that this kind of dad is decreasing in number.

To some daughters, dad is refuge from mother, a shelter from the bewildering hurricanes that sometimes blow on the sea of intra-female relationships.

To some daughters, dad is wise guide and counselor, through perhaps less frequently consulted than is mother. In memory, he may be the one who had time, or took time, to play with the tiny girl on the living room rug, later to play ball on the corner lot, and to buy the tickets and the popcorn at the matinee.

He is the one who underwrites the expenses of
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*Let's Give Our Sons a Better Break!
This Is the Plea of a Rural Pastor
Who Was a Layman for Many Years*

for women and children, to be put away when one becomes a man with other "childish things." The son usually follows in his father's footsteps.

If father avoids church, he is reinforced in so doing by the adult male community. Too many men do not use Sunday morning for either study or worship. Is it any wonder then that boys are more reluctant to become active church members?

There are two attitudes we can take toward this matter of permitting double standards and different treatment for our boys and girls. We can either accept it or change it.

Perhaps we should move slower in forcing our sons into positions wherein they are responsible for big decisions. Is it not conceivable that we need to avoid some of the temptations for them? More adult supervision of boys would seem to be a possible method of operation. This might nip delinquency in the bud.

Sometimes juvenile crime arises almost "by chance." For example: A group of boys too much on their own want a little adventure and they see an unlocked car, parked and unguarded; or they start competing in the art of throwing stones accurately in the shadow of an empty building with windows offering good targets; or they are enticed by the mysteries of the locked freight cars.

Boys may be under the tyranny of the boldest. Adult admonitions are easy to forget when there is fear of being called "chicken." At the moment the threat of being an outcast from the group is more real than the threat of future adult wrath, if they get caught.

A son should be given every contact possible with his father's workday world. To see father in the mill, to see him making cars, refrigerators, furniture, clothing, houses, will enhance the respect of the son for his father's realm, will help him understand it. The factory or the busy office may be a humdrum place to those who are there eight hours a day, but to a growing boy it is likely to be a mysterious exciting world.

And how about schools? Can we help that picture? As citizens we should act to enlist more men teachers.

Our teachers' salary schedules are more or less geared to attract single women or married women who stay in teaching to provide an additional income for the family. If we want our sons to have an even break with our daughters in terms of school contacts with men doing a man's work, we will have to pay enough to attract men to the teaching profession.

Then there is the church. The church is a unique institution in the community for it is the one or-

*Dad Is Important to Daughter
—And for Many Reasons
Says This Writer*

the aisle-walking event when he gives away to another younger man the girl he has cherished as his daughter.

To some dads, daughter is an expense, a problem, a tax exemption, an ally of mother and other male-dismaying females. To some dads, daughter is the little angel in skirts who grew up too fast and has become aware of the delusion that other males are more attractive as she slips into the unwelcome pattern of thinking dad is just the "old man."

To some dads, daughter is the little girl about to escape from his protection into the big unfriendly world that he has not been able to make as good for her as he would like. To some dads, daughter is the younger female he adores even though she may in youthful forgetfulness fail to express her gratitude for all the efforts in her behalf.

A daughter cannot choose her dad. A dad cannot decide that he is going to have the daughter. The existence of either in the total panorama of the other's life is a God-given mystery for which both can be grateful.

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ganization, concerned with the molding of character, which aspires to be inclusive. In every other there are restrictions based on age or sex or both. The school is concerned with children from five through their late teen years; Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are for separate sexes in a restricted age bracket. Service clubs are primarily men's organizations and boys are not permitted.

The one organization that has an equal welcome for a father and his sons is the church.

If the son does not leave the community, father and son can work side by side in the church as adults.

If the church seems to be primarily something for women and children it is because men choose to have it that way.

There is abundant evidence that a shared church life based on a manly desire to serve God, to keep the faith, helps our sons grow into the kind of men that fulfill our highest hopes for them.

Being in church with them helps the father be the kind of guide he needs to be to his sons.

Our boys need a better break than they have had from us. Let's make a few steps forward.

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Editorials

Small Loss

WE RECEIVE considerable mail which laments the fact that when Protestants marry Roman Catholics they nearly always become Roman Catholic themselves. Often the case is made that Disciples of Christ usually transfer to the church of their spouse, even when both are Protestant.

While we have no firm statistics on hand we have doubted, from our own experiences, whether the situation is as one-sided as others feel it to be. In the meantime an interesting study of the experiences of certain members of the Churches of Christ (the "non-organ brethren," if you insist on that distinction) has been made. It is reported by Batsell Barrett Baxter in the *Gospel Advocate* (March 17, 1960).

More than a thousand students in David Lipscomb College, Nashville, reported 1,916 cases where some close relative who was a member of the Church of Christ had married outside that church. Even the *Gospel Advocate* labeled the findings "Surprising results."

Looking at the 1,916 marriages, it was reported that in 1,028 cases the non-member

came into the Church of Christ. In only 151 instances did the Church of Christ member leave and unite with the church of the spouse. In only 50 cases had they left both churches and joined a third. In 687 instances, the non-Church of Christ member remained in his own church.

The contrast between the 1,028 figure and the 151 people who left the Church of Christ is the interesting point of these findings. The Church of Christ members of the union took 54 per cent of their partners into the Church of Christ, while only 8 per cent of the Church of Christ members who married outside their own church were lost to it. The men were more successful. In 60 per cent of the cases, they won their wives into the Church of Christ.

As Mr. Baxter points out, the total picture for the Churches of Christ might not be so satisfying, since these cases were all drawn from families who were closely related to the church so that they sent their youngsters to a Church of Christ college. Even so, they have made a very interesting case study.

Radiating Sunshine

ON EASTER SUNDAY, 1900 (it was April 15 that year), Henry and Winifred Henrichs were married. It was a quarter of a century before *Sunshine Magazine* appeared but these two good people had already made a lot of people happy by their radiant good will and sunny dispositions.

The little magazine, created "to give uplifting, cheerful inspiration," according to the August, 1924, issue, was just a year and a month old when it first came to our attention. Garth Henrichs, now first vice-president of the firm, had graduated from Eureka just before we entered and happened to be back on the campus with a copy in his pocket.

Since 1940, there has actually been a House of Sunshine, in Litchfield, Illinois. It cannot be described with either the vocabulary, the knowledge of architecture or the space at our disposal. Frederick Monhoff came from California to design it—with embellishments by Henry F. Henrichs! We can only say that we have never heard of a disappointed visitor to the House of Sunshine although many have traveled from afar to see it.

Some time ago, Leo Bennett came from Texas to write "an unbiased account of the unusual business." He says he was "strongly biased" within thirty minutes, and after completing his writing, he joined the firm.

And It Came to Pass, The Story of the House of Sunshine, has now appeared as a 225-page, \$3.00 book, and it is a tribute to the writing and printing arts, as well as to this unique business.

We have never been able to decide what amazes us most about this fantastic story. Is it the beautiful, 60-year marriage? Or, surely it is the family solidarity and mutual love. Perhaps it is the gem of architecture, the House itself. No, it's the wide distribution of *Sunshine* and the "cheeriodicals" that 1,000 business firms buy from the House of Sunshine to use as good-will advertising.

Still, we haven't hit upon the clue. Perhaps it is the witty sayings Mr. Henrichs writes, or those he collects. We're sure of one thing—it is character, Christian character, tempered with modesty and put to work, long, hard work.

Somewhere— A Boy

by Don Morey

Somewhere in this wide world there is a little boy about nine or ten. That little fellow will grow up, mature and become a man, and then he will ask the hand of my daughter in marriage. I often wonder about that boy.

Not because I am a father alone, but because he is so typical of thousands of other boys, I wonder about him. What is the quality of his home, the outlook of his parents, the atmosphere of of his community?

Is he attending school on a "half-time" basis because some "practical" citizen is riding herd on the municipal budget? How can he possibly make up for this short change in education? What a shame to see him robbed of what should be every child's right, adequate educational opportunity.

Is he part of a community where there isn't a shred of mutual concern? I fear for a boy's attitudes when he is reared in this kind of atmosphere.

Is he part of a home where church and church school attendance are matters of acrimonious debate every Sunday morning? Are his parents related to the church "only for the sake of the children"—and thus is he asked to enter upon an experience each week that his parents do not pretend to value highly for themselves? Is he a part of this family hypocrisy?

That little boy—what happens when he goes to church? Is his teacher happy in her work? Is she prepared to understand his need to approach God in his own way? Is she more interested in

dominating than in giving him real leadership?

Is he being raised in a church where the adults, of whatever age, greet him and help him as he sits in the services of worship, understand him when he is squirmy and restless, console him when he is crushed by life's little disappointments? Does his church, in a creative way, reinforce his family solidarity?

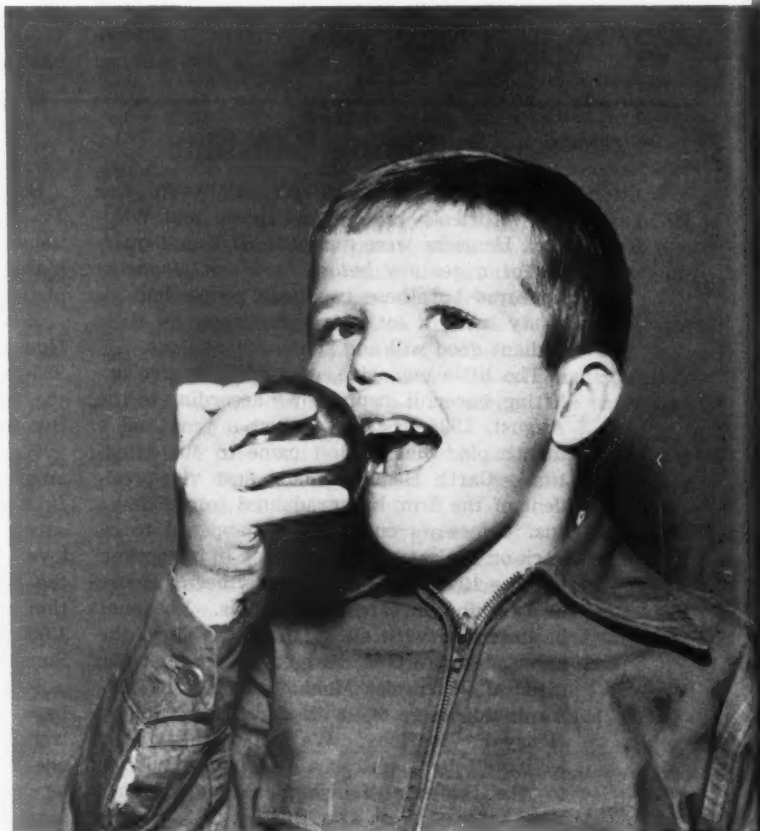
I ponder these fateful questions. I see clearly that neglect of any child in the church is also neglect of *my* child and *your* child. If we are not willing to

put the effort into our tasks in the church to do them well, our careless and slovenly stewardship will come home to roost.

For some day a boy or girl, now grown, raised carelessly, nurtured haphazardly and fretfully in Christian precepts, will come to this church, with broken heart, with a wrecked home, a marriage torn to shreds.

Somewhere in this wide world a little boy is growing up—a boy who will someday ask my daughter's hand in marriage. What kind of a boy will he be? It makes you think!

—Luoma Photo



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**RNS Breaks Big Story;
HEARTHSTONE New ACP Member;
CBP Urges St. Louis' Headquarters**

Vice-President Nixon News at Church Press Confab

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The highlight of the 41st annual meeting of the Associated Church Press proved to be the informal news conference in which Vice-President Richard M. Nixon appeared.

The Vice-President at that conference expressed for the first time his views on the controversial matter of foreign aid birth control information.

Although he said he agreed with President Eisenhower that the present foreign aid program should not include any propagation of birth control information or advice by the United States, he expressed the belief that the government should respond to any request for scientific information by underdeveloped countries that wanted such information for population control.

Since the Vice-President's appearance before the convention of Protestant and Orthodox church editors was a last minute addition to his day's schedule, most Washington newsmen missed it. Religious News Service was the only national news agency to carry a full story on the Vice-President's impromptu 50-minute press conference with the church editors.

As soon as the RNS story appeared in newspapers, Mr. Nixon's office was besieged by newspaper correspondents asking for a text of his remarks, of which there was none, and for clarification and interpretation.

In response, Mr. Nixon, through his press secretary, Herbert Klein, called the Religious News Service story "an accurate and alert piece of reporting" and said he had nothing to add to it.

Newsweek, reporting on Nixon's visit with the Protestant editors, stated that he occasion was the first time since President Eisenhower freed Nixon to speak out on his own as a presidential candidate that he had "really gone far beyond the limits of Administration policy to state what his own policy would be in the White House." The V-P was given a standing ovation when he left the meeting.

Eleven new publications were voted into ACP membership at the meeting, bringing the total number to 161 member publications with a total circulation of nearly 16,000,000.



VICE-PRESIDENT NIXON is shown at the 41st annual meeting of the Associated Church Press in Washington with Dr. William B. Lippard (left), ACP secretary-treasurer, editor emeritus of "Missions," American Baptist monthly; and Dr. Benjamin Browne, ACP president, editor of the "Baptist Leader," another American Baptist monthly.

"Hearthstone" a Member

One of the eleven new periodicals received into membership was **HEARTHSTONE**, monthly family magazine published by the Christian Board of Publication for the American Baptists and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). E. Lee Neal is editor.

Protestant and Orthodox editors gathered at the 41st annual meeting heard a progress report on the organization's plans to expand its services and establish a new headquarters with a full-time executive and a monthly periodical.

The progress report was made by Edwin H. Maynard, ACP vice-president and chairman of its important committee on development and service. He is editor of *The Methodist Story*, monthly program publication of the Methodist Church.

Christian Board Invitation

Site of the new headquarters, to be established in 1961, has not yet been chosen, Mr. Maynard said, but invitations to locate in St. Louis, Mo., or in Syracuse, N. Y., were received at the meeting.

James M. Flanagan, associate edi-

tor of "The Christian," weekly of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), invited the ACP to make its headquarters in St. Louis at the offices of the Christian Board of Publication.

The ACP adopted a resolution deploing "irresponsible and unscrupulous attempts to spread suspicion against Protestant clergymen, their churches, and their agencies on the false charge of sympathy for communism."

In their resolution the Protestant and Orthodox editors said the National Council has been the target of "baseless charges" and has shown the "highest sense of responsibility and integrity" in carrying out its mission "in a spirit of deepest loyalty and devotion to the ideals and traditions of American freedom."

Keeping with the spirit of the resolution, member publications of the ACP were urged to inform their readers of the action and "provide full information on which intelligent judgment of the attacks may be made."

"Those who originate and spread . . . unfounded suspicion through the distribution of scurrilous literature and such lucrative devices as defamatory radio broadcasts," the statement said, "weaken our religious institutions, undermine our free democratic way of life and thereby, wittingly or unwittingly, comfort and encourage Communists and Communism."

The resolution was adopted after spirited debate as to whether it should include specific mention of the National Council of Churches, since some of the member publications of the ACP are published by denominations not affiliated with this body. An amendment to modify the resolution was defeated, however, by a vote of 39 to 22.

Blame to Be Shared?

Churches—Delinquency

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Churches must accept a share of the blame for juvenile delinquency, a Yale psychiatrist and a Protestant minister agreed at the White House Conference on Children and Youth here.

They were Dr. Milton J. E. Senn, director of the Child Study Center at Yale University, and John N. Berger, director of the Youth Guidance Department of the Council of Churches of Greater Houston (Tex.).

But Warns Against
Curbs on Freedom

Protestant Press Assails Obscenity

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Member publications of the Associated Church Press were called on to launch a united program of education to alert Protestants and Orthodox to the problem of obscenity.

The ACP adopted a resolution at its annual meeting here asking as many publications as possible to designate September, 1960, for emphasis on this issue "in order to make a concerted attack upon it."

In another resolution, the group expressed "gratitude" for new demonstrations of non-violence and reconciliation in race relations and urged its members to interpret these events in a way that emphasizes their Christian and democratic character.

Such efforts "to achieve human dignity and equal opportunity for all citizens," the ACP said, should be interpreted to readers "in relation to their basis in Christian and democratic principles and should stress the 'fresh opportunities they



HERBERT B. WARBURTON (left), general counsel for the United States Post Office Department, told the Associated Church Press at its annual meeting in Washington, D. C., that he believes there are links between crime syndicates and the publishers and distributors of obscene and pornographic literature. With him are: Robert Cadigan, editor-in-chief of "Presbyterian Life" and former ACP president (center), and Roger Burgess, editor of "Contact," Methodist social action periodical, and chairman of the ACP program committee.

offer for creative witnessing both by the written and spoken word."

In condemning obscenity, the Protestant and Orthodox editors declared that "traffic in pornographic material has reached serious pro-

portions in this country" and that "public apathy is to be explained largely by lack of information."

The delegates said, however, that while they support the effort of the U.S. Post Office Department to curb distribution of "hard-core pornographic materials," they also are aware of "hardwon freedom of thought and of the press."

"We believe that efforts to uproot the vicious traffic must not become a means of censorship of literature and art on which the judgment and taste of various segments of our population may differ," the resolution declared.

Construction Up

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Church construction totaled \$77,000,000 during February, 10 per cent higher than in the same month last year, the Census Bureau reported here. Construction for the first two months of 1960 amounted to \$155,000,000.

0.7 Per Cent Christian

TOKYO—Church membership in Japan reached a total of 678,258, or 0.7 per cent of the population, last year, according to the Japanese language Christian Year Book recently published here by the *Christian News*.

A Children's World of Books from Bethany Press

THIS IS GOD'S WORLD by Mabel Niedermeyer McCaw. A warm interpretation of Christian stewardship for children of ages 8-11. Illustrated. 10T577, \$1.75

BALTI by Ella Huff Kepple (ages 7-11). An ingenious tale of a Mexican boy and his burro, Balti. Woven into the story are details of everyday life in Mexico. 10B376, \$2.50

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"I must get out of myself"

by J. Warren Hastings

HE AND his wife are estranged and he came to me for counsel.

After listening to him for an hour I said: "Every problem has two sides. I am impressed with the fact that your situation is double-sided. You and your wife have both made mistakes and each one of you must be very humble if your situation is to be rectified."

He studied my face a long time before he spoke: "I know I have made mistakes and I am sorry. I have been cursed with a quick

temper and because of it I have said things that I should not have said. All I want is that my wife and I should have a peaceful and wholesome relationship. I want peace.

"The main reason I have been so irritable in the past is that I have thought too much about my rights and feelings. I have been selfish in thinking primarily about myself. I have not thought in terms of love and what I could do for her but rather in terms of selfishness and what I was getting out of the deal.

"I must come out of myself, forget all of these little twists that I have in my personality and really do something decent and good for her. I have over-emphasized *self* and under-emphasized the needs of my wife. She is a wonderful woman, and I love her with all of my heart. I am determined that the friction between us shall be eliminated. Will you pray that I might have the strength to follow through with this program?"

I said: "Very often in differences between human beings one or the other of the parties involved has over-emphasized the importance of his or her feelings. Without realizing what we are doing we make our own sensitive feelings the criterion of the whole situation. If we are the least bit hurt, then the relationship deteriorates. We must learn to think objectively."

He could hardly wait to speak: "I am determined that I will think objectively in this entire situation. My weakness in it has been that I over-emphasized my own importance and my own feelings. From now on out I am going to be objective and I am not going to let my sensitive feelings govern the situation."

As he stood to go, I took him by the hand and looked straight into his eyes: "You are an unusually capable young man," I said, "and I know that you will be able to iron out your difficulties with your wife. Be patient, kind, tolerant, honest, and Christian, and you cannot help but succeed. I shall be constantly praying for you as you seek to re-create the old relationship between the two of you."

J. Warren Hastings is minister of National City Christian Church in Washington, D. C.

Lesson from a Sparrow

by Thomas Miller

Watching from my veranda, I
see
The little sparrow in the tree
And the strong wind is swaying
The branches in the breeze.

I ponder how unconcerned
The little bird can be
While everywhere around him
A storm is brewing surely.

I thought how different
Is mankind in this day
During the storms that rage
In every possible way.

We have been reminded
That God cares for the birds
For His eye is on the sparrow
And His love abides.

How true it is that storms do
come
In this life of ours
And rage in every direction
Til everything seems undone.

Forgetting the lesson
Of the bird in the tree
We become all excited
In our efforts for security.

God's promises are ever sure
To those who trust in Him
When the strong winds of
trouble
Blow round our frailty.

Then let us take a lesson
From the sparrow in the tree
And ease our tensions
When the storms hit you and
me.

RELAX . . .

Peace Proposal

Needed: More mistletoes and
less missilearms.

—H.C.B.

★ ★ ★

Georgie's Pie

Georgie Porgie with political
pie

Offered pudding in the sky,
But when elected right away
Taxes went up and are there
to stay.

—C.R.B.

★ ★ ★

No Improvement

A man should never tear his
hair

When jilted by his lady fair.
She isn't apt to be enthralled
The least bit more if he is
bald.

—RICHARD WHEELER

★ ★ ★

Delayed

Radio announcer: "And now
for the news that happened
during the commercial."

—WOODMEN OF THE
WORLD

★ ★ ★



How was I to know that your
pet grasshopper was sitting in
that chair?

How to Tell Your Child about Sex

A CHILD ponders many things: what makes it rain? . . . how does a car work? . . . where do bananas grow?

But the biggest mysteries concern the human body—and sex.

Sex questions are often the hardest for parents to answer. Many feel “unqualified,” feel only a medical expert can offer a suitable explanation. Others succumb to anxiety or embarrassment and evade the problem. They bury simple facts in fables about angels and storks.

Aware that improper sex education creates a distorted view and lays the foundation for future unhappiness, the Public Affairs Committee—a non-profit educational organization—recently made the problem one of its projects.

Publication of a pamphlet in simple language that tells parents how to give the right answers—was the result.

First thing to realize, advise the Committee experts—is that sex is an all-embracing part of life. It doesn’t “begin” in adolescence—it starts at birth.

Holding and fondling an infant . . . caring for him when he’s hurt or hungry . . . playing with him—these are the first steps in sex education. They help show a child what love is, build in him a capacity to achieve love and affection.

Practical care serves another function. When you change a diaper matter-of-factly and without fuss, you show a child the workings of his body are human and normal.

Instilling a child with confidence is another step. A youngster who learns to make decisions—playing, dressing and feeding himself—establishes a sense of responsibility on which later sex decisions can be based.

Children explore their bodies from the start. They are soon aware of—and interested in—the sex organs.

When the child is old enough to speak, the wise parent uses the proper names to identify them.

Invented, baby-talk words might be easier to say, but they hide reality and create mystery. Proper terms establish a language that can grow with a child.

Perhaps the greatest asset to a parent in sex education is simple patience. Learning about sex—as with everything else—is a slow, over-the-years’ process. Forced efforts, and concealment confuse the child—and compromise you.

The best policy is to answer questions honestly, as they arise. You know when a child is ready for more knowledge by the amount and nature of the questions. Don’t worry . . . and don’t hurry him.

Of course, answers don’t always mean words. Giving children a chance to satisfy their curiosity by observing pets and other children’s bodies increases their understanding.

When sexual curiosity approaches the more advanced stages—puberty and menstruation, reproduction and childbirth—the same rule applies:

Clear and simple explanations are in order.

With a vocabulary and mutual trust established . . . with no fantasies to dispell, later revelations come easily.

The information compiled by the Public Affairs Committee on sex education is only one phase of its work.

Topics range from history, medicine, finance, family relations and social problems. The goal is “to see that important social and economic facts reach the largest number of people.”

An unexceptional objectivity is always maintained.

If you’d like the pamphlet on sex education, it can be obtained for 25c a copy from the Public Affairs Committee, Inc., 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y. The Committee will be glad to send you facts about other pamphlets upon request.

The best policy is to answer questions honestly—with clear and simple explanations



by Mrs. Glenn G. Hays

Alcohol in the Air

An Issue Involving the Safety of All Concerned

As the shock and tragedy of airplane crashes reverberate through our hearts and crushes the families involved one must ask again how *any* potential hazard to flying safety can be tolerated by the Federal Aviation Agency, by the airline management, by the United States government.

So far as I know drinking had nothing to do with any air crash. I do not know whether any alcohol was served on these flights. I do know that a young friend only a few weeks ago commented that one line failed to observe the self-imposed two-drink airline code. On his flight from the west coast to Chicago, he observed alcoholic drinks offered, served, and consumed in excess of that limitation.

A contrast in the reaction of government agencies to potentials related to public welfare is revealed in the attitude of Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. When the automobile industry proposed making a simple smog-fighting device standard equipment on all 1961 cars intended for residents of California, Secretary Flemming said, "I can't understand why the industry proposes this equipment for only one state."

Automobile industry representatives contended that the un-

burned hydrocarbons which the device eliminates are *known* to be "villains" in Los Angeles but that they have not been shown to be a menace anywhere outside California. This attitude parallels the contention of the Federal Aviation Agency to the effect that no *proof* has been offered that the serving of alcoholic beverages on airplanes is a safety factor.

Declared Secretary Flemming, "For the life of me I can see no reason why the device should not be put on all cars on the assembly line." He pointed out that a great number of unequipped visiting autos in Los Angeles would help nullify the benefits of the device on home-owned cars, and suggested that so extensive a problem may not be approached on an individual community basis.

Motor car representatives suggested that the cost of such equipment should not be borne by car buyers who would derive no benefit and promised that the device would be offered at a cost under \$10 on cars made for non-California communities "where it might be determined that it is needed or wanted." Mr. Flemming welcomed the low cost and emphasized that the device is not a panacea for exhaust-pipe pollution but said that health risk should outweigh economic risk.

He expressed a natural reluctance to any extension of Federal authority but said that the Federal government should not hesitate to make the use of such

devices mandatory if the automobile industry itself does not feel constrained to do so.

The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare had reached a conclusion based on fact and reason. The same type of consideration from the Federal Aviation Agency would cause all alcoholic beverages to be banned on aircraft in flight. Who has one good reason for alcohol in the air in the first place?

MAÑANA

by Nina Walter

"Oh, I'll clean the garage tomorrow," Bud says blithely, and dashes away to join his friends for a ball game in the park.

But tomorrow Bud is supposed to mow the lawn. When tomorrow comes, he has to mow the lawn *and* clean the garage.

"This is too much work for one guy," he complains. "I'll wait till tomorrow, when I'll have more time."

But tomorrow he is supposed to wash and polish the car. When tomorrow comes, he has to mow the lawn *and* clean the garage *and* wash and polish the car.

And so it goes. By the time Saturday comes, Bud has so many jobs piled up that he feels completely frustrated.

Why let today's laziness produce tomorrow's headache because you must tackle, along with tomorrow's jobs, the things you should have done today?

Former president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Glenn G. Hays heads the WCTU's legislation bureau, Washington, D. C.

DAY OF THE



Picnic

By P. G. Cox

YOUNG Davy Quinn was trying to be very cheerful that Saturday morning. In a way, it was an act on his part—a devoted effort to be helpful.

A slender boy of twelve, he'd shouldered two rather heavy responsibilities. The first was to do everything he could helping his widowed mother, Jenny, who was maintaining the home by taking in washings. The second was to keep his ten-year-old sister, Linda, feeling all right—even if she couldn't have things like many other girls did.

It was the second responsibility which had Davy bothered on this particular day. His mother had the last of her week's washings ready for him and Linda to deliver. They would carry it—in the big willow basket—to a doctor's house on Elm Street. And Davy was concerned about what Linda might see along the way.

Elm Street was where most of Glendale's really

well-to-do people lived. And this was the day when the Elm Street Neighbors' Club held an annual picnic at a lake a few miles away. Davy had overheard some of the children talking excitedly about it. And the families over there would be loading up for the picnic about the time he and Linda passed by with the washing. He was afraid the sight of this would start Linda grieving because she couldn't be one of them.

That's why Davy had been acting so cheerful. He wanted to get Linda in high spirits—hoping to fortify her against what she might see. And before they took off with the washing, he went to a tin can savings bank. In it was the money earned from a paper route and whatever odd jobs could be found. The money, that is, after Davy gave his mother two dollars a week. By scraping bottom, he took out a dollar and forty-three cents.

As Davy and Linda started to pick up the clothes basket—by a handle at each end—their mother gave both of them a quick hug. Then she stood in the back door of the small home looking after them. And the compassion in her patient eyes brightened into something akin to fierce pride.

Davy kept right on with his cheery talk. "You know, Linda," he said, "things are going pretty good for us. 'Specially since Mom got the new washer and ironer—that we're nearly all paid out on. Now we can take care of more people that want Mom to do their washing—'cause she does it so good. Yes, sir, we're pretty lucky, I guess."

Linda considered this thoughtfully as she trudged along, a winsome little figure in a neat but faded gingham dress.

Coming to Elm Street, Davy saw he'd been right about the picnic activities. At half a dozen fine homes people were dashing around, lugging things and calling to one another. They seemed to be late, and some were getting irritated and touchy. This was an angle Davy hadn't expected.

One woman was hurrying out with a bulging load. Following her were three children, one a girl about Linda's age.

"Mother," the girl wailed. "I don't want to wear these slippers that everybody's already seen. I told you I want to wear—"

"And I told you a while ago to hush up," her mother broke in. "You're not wearing your new slippers to this picnic. And that's that."

In a driveway a man sat glaring from a car. "It won't start," he yelled to his wife as she came out carrying thermos bottles and a rug. "No gas. I asked you this morning to stop at the filling station coming back from the grocery. But you forgot. Now I'll have to take a can—"

"Stop shouting at me," his wife retorted. "Sure I forgot the gas. And the reason was I always have to be so rushed I can't think straight."

Farther on was a man out of sorts with his whole family. He had not been able to shave that morning. His electric razor had gone haywire. He thought somebody had been monkeying with it.

All this and more was heard in the bustle along the street. Linda listened in wide-eyed surprise, looking almost horrified at times. Finally she whispered to Davy, "I wouldn't want to be going anywhere that makes people get mad at one another."

Davy could understand that the people were keyed up from so much rushing around, and would probably be over it in a little while. But it gave him a point to make with Linda.

"Folks who've got everything," he said to her, "I guess maybe they don't have as much fun as you'd think. They've got so much to look after that I expect they get plumb wore out. And that makes them fly off easy and say things they oughtn't."

Linda looked as if she had learned something she had not known before.

After the washing was delivered, Davy said they would go to a grocery store. Then he told Linda what was in his mind. They would have a family picnic of their own that afternoon—under the tree in their tiny backyard. The big box out there would be fine for a table. Linda's eyes started glowing as Davy explained how they would decorate the box.

And Linda became really excited in the grocery store, helping decide what to buy for the picnic. They went the limit of Davy's dollar and forty-three cents for such goodies as peanut butter, hot dogs, a jar of strawberry preserves, candy bars, and a pint of ice cream.

With the supplies in the big basket, they headed briskly for home. Linda was humming a little tune as she skipped along so fast Davy could hardly keep up with his end of the basket.

Only One Gave Thanks

By Jenette Mitchell

The first lepers healed found friends to greet,
No time for thanks at the Master's feet,
The next ones joyfully danced away,
Limbs long inept leaped forth to play,
Others went forth once more to hold
Again to their bosoms their precious gold,
Some crawled away to their hiding place,
Still doubting, they fled from saving grace.
Only one, Christ says, his thanks did give
For the healing power that he might live.
Shocking we say, no gratitude!
Debased, corrupt, perverted and rude!
In voices loud we condemn today
But are we found less guilty than they?

Working for Peace



"Where the Scriptures Speak . . ." by the Editor

Scripture: Matthew 5:9; 21, 22; 38-48.

QUITE often we seem to live as if we think that good is simply the absence of evil. We teach the younger generation not to do the things which are opposed to the social standards of the times. Not doing anything creates a vacuum which has to be filled. Sometimes we seem to live as if we think this vacuum in people's lives would be filled automatically by good thoughts and deeds like the wind rushing through an open door.

The lesson today is concerned with one more Beatitude, the one about the peacemakers. Even the word itself tells us what the chief point is. You have to "make peace." It does not just happen. Peace is more than the absence of disturbance, either between persons or groups of persons. It is not enough to live by a negative code which tells us not to do certain things. We must be actively working for peace.

Any of the translations for the first word in the Beatitudes takes on a special meaning in this case. Whether we say blessed, happy, or fortunate, the word applies to the person who lends assistance to understanding and peace among men. Jesus applies the phrase, "Sons of God" to such persons. (Matthew 5:9.) The idea that we are all children of the heavenly Father is a common one in the Bible but this seems to be a more specific use of the idea.

Just as Paul showed later that the true sons of Abraham are not simply those who are blood descendants, but rather those who live by faith as Abraham did, so Jesus has said here that the true sons of God are not those who are just living persons but those who do God's will. We cannot conceive of anything else being the will of the Father in this instance, except that his

children should live at peace with one another.

The law of Moses which we know as the Ten Commandments contains the one, "You shall not kill." (Exodus 20:13.) So, killing one another is not the point of this Beatitude. That had been forbidden for centuries. What our Lord is saying here is much closer home, for most of us. We, like his hearers at that time, know that a killer is "liable to judgment." What he says here is that "one who is angry with his brother" is also liable to judgment. (Verse 22.)

This is the point at which we

need to start in thinking about peace. Much of the correspondence I have, and, in fact, much of the writing that one reads, is determined to solve the international problems between the United States and Russia. The thing that disconcerts me is that so much of the writing on the subject is in an angry mood. One of the angriest letters I have had in the past two years was from a nationally known "peacemaker" who thought that we should not have printed anything in our journal about civilian defense in case of attack.

Three things here are said to

INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR MAY 8, 1960

The Scripture

Matthew 5:9

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."

21-22

21 "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.' 22 But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire."

38-48

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' 39 But I say to you, Do not resist one who is evil. But if any one strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also;

40 and if any one would sue you and take your coat, let him have your cloak as well; 41 and if any one forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. 42 Give to him who begs from you, and do not refuse him who would borrow from you.

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you salute only your brethren, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? 48 You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

make us "liable to the hell of fire." They are anger, insult and ridicule. ("Whoever says 'you fool!'"") It is interesting that there is no specific mention of international relations in this whole passage. With us, we would rather talk about peace treaties than brotherly love, on the man-to-man level. It is a case of where you start.

The law of Moses brought the people gradually from an outright struggle for self-existence through the "eye for an eye" standard of ethics. Jesus went further.

This is the point in the lesson at which so many classes will get bogged down. Turning both cheeks, giving away both cloak and coat and walking two miles instead of one all seem very distasteful to man

on his lower levels. Everyone in a given church school class may be an immersed believer in the Lordship of Christ, but, I dare say, there will be many a hot argument about these teachings from the ethics of Jesus about turning the other cheek.

It really should not be too difficult to understand this passage. Jesus is laying down a standard of living opposite from that which we know as "getting even." It hasn't been too long since I heard a little girl carefully plotting and explaining to herself how she was going to do something worse to another little girl the next day than that child had done to her. We say this is "human nature." Suppose it is, is this any reason for adult Christians to excuse their unwillingness to fol-

low the ethics of Christ and act like little children all their lives?

The teaching is summed up in the last passage of our text about love of our neighbors and enemies. (Verses 43-48.) Nothing that could be said here will make this paragraph any easier to understand or any more difficult to follow.

"Nobody's perfect" is all too often our summary of a situation. In the face of that, Jesus Christ is always saying, "You, therefore, must be perfect." Notice that he does not use words here like "be fair," or "be halfway decent," or, "don't do any harm." What he says is, "Love." And love is an active verb. It is the first ingredient of the peace program, between two people or between two billion.



Meaning for Today

by William J. Hadden, Jr.

THE Italian bus driver grinned as we asked him about the rising communist tide in his country. In his halting English he said, "Bread, work, no communist; no bread, no work, communist!"

In one succinct sentence this simple Italian worker had not only put his finger on the reason for the rise of communism but for most of the wars and revolutions of history.

When pert little Marie Antoinette leaned out of her carriage and cried to the starving people of her country, "Let them eat cake," she was singing the prelude to a revolution of people who would not live longer with empty stomachs.

The French revolution was born out of the contrast between the luxury of the court and the poverty of the people. The daughter of Louis XVI when one month old

had eighty persons in her service. Fifteen thousand people existed at court to serve the king and queen. They were paid forty million liras a year or a twelfth of the public revenue! The people of France could not live under this extravagance in court. Bread was indeed the issue.

All over the world today there is social unrest. The "have nots" are clamoring for some of that which the "haves" have had for several centuries. Increase in education and the shrinking of the world have made those without bread, who see others with grain piled in useless storage, move restlessly for revolution. Can we blame them?

The time has passed since the ignorant, unfed masses of the world took their pitiful lot "philosophi-

cally." They used to view it with a fatalistic, "It must be God's will for me." To them the order used to be changeless; now it must be changed.

You and I, as Americans, can do one of two things. It is possible we may lift up our prayer to God thanking him that we are Americans and inheritors of a great abundance. We can thank him that we are "not as other men," and live to enjoy "This is your life" on TV and the new second compact car. We can forget that there are people in our own town or Agadir or Cairo who know the dull ache of hunger all day. This is precisely what many of us do.

The modern Christian cannot close his eyes at night to sleep without seeing the mosaic of pain-filled faces, white, black, red, yellow, and brown who make up our world. The goal of brotherhood is no nebulous ideal; it is the concrete upon which a lasting peace must be founded.

True we can't feed all the world as they should be fed in the next few days. We can't give an education to all the millions of people who are just now awakening to a hunger for knowledge. The situation does seem hopeless but we must be reminded God does not condemn our accomplishments but our heart's concern and dedication. His word for us today, I believe, is "try."

And again, what is peace? Bread for the hungry, education for the ignorant, respect and dignity for all men and a common desire for the creative life. If these are part of the substance of your concern and life you are blessed of God as a peacemaker.

J. Warren Hastings Led Large Program of National City Church Dies in Washington



The Late J. Warren Hastings

WASHINGTON, D. C.—J. Warren Hastings, minister of National City Christian Church here for nearly 18 years, died April 11.

A popular speaker and writer, Dr. Hastings was perhaps one of the best-known ministers among the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Before going to Washington, Dr. Hastings was for over eight years minister of University Christian Church, Seattle, Wash., and he also had served other pastorates in Virginia, New York and Georgia.

He had given notable leadership as pastor of National City Christian Church, a church which has been supported by many congregations among the Disciples because of its strategic importance for the Christian churches.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Dr. Hastings graduated from Lynchburg College in 1924 and received his bachelor of divinity degree from Yale University Divinity School. In 1929 he received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Edinburgh.

Dr. Hastings served in the United States Navy from 1915 to 1919; therefore burial was in Arlington National Cemetery, with services held at National City Christian Church.

Among those officiating was Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary for the International Convention.

Among the survivors is the widow, the former Thelma Mae Watson, and two daughters.

Dr. Hastings was a regular columnist for *THE CHRISTIAN* and

had been a regular contributor to the *Front Rank* before it merged with *The Christian-Evangelist*.

First Church Carried a \$400,000 Policy on Life

Bill Alexander Was Colorful Okla. Pastor

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—The tragic death in an airplane accident of 45-year-old William H. (Bill) Alexander will bring closer to realization his dream of building a quarter-million dollar youth center.

His congregation carried a \$400,000 life insurance policy on his life.

The colorful and widely known minister, who had been pastor of First Christian Church here since 1942, was killed along with his wife and pilot in a plane crash in Harrisburg, Pa., April 3.

After news of the accident, it was disclosed by Don Sheridan, associate minister of the church, that the congregation had a \$400,000 policy on Mr. Alexander which will help make possible the erection of the center and chapel.

In 1946 First Church here dedicated a new ultra-modern house of worship and called it "The Church of Tomorrow." A dome-shaped structure, the church is considered one of Oklahoma City's architectural landmarks.

The red-haired minister served as chaplain of the Republican National Committee in 1952 when Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected president. Later he and the Chief Executive became close friends.

Bill Alexander was active in many community affairs including two terms as president of the Oklahoma City Symphony Society, one of the creators and president of the Oklahoma Mental Health Association, chairman of the Community Chest Drives in 1947 and 1948, and Red Cross work.

Born in Shelbyville, Mo., he came with his parents to St. Louis, Mo., where his father, the late Ralph E. Alexander, served for 27 years as pastor of Second Christian Church which later merged with Kingshighway Church to become Memorial Blvd. Christian Church.

Bill Alexander attended Phillips University and graduated from Tulsa University and had further studies at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. (Marylouise) Alexander was a child of the parsonage, born in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Elwood Rowsey who had

a distinguished ministry with the Presbyterian church. She attended the University of Kansas.

Among survivors are: Mr. Alexander's mother, his brother, Glenn, and sister, Mrs. Paul Winkelman, all of St. Louis; his three children: Ralph; Donald, a student at the University of Oklahoma and youth worker for First Christian Church in Norman; Ann; and Mrs. Alexander's daughter, Jan.

Neill to Hiram Post

HIRAM, OHIO—Ralph C. Neill, Indianapolis, Ind., for the past six years director of the department of public relations for the International Convention of Christian Churches, began duties in a similar capacity with Hiram College here April 15.

At Hiram, Neill is primarily responsible for an expanded press program, editing and production of publications and materials, broadcasting and other public relations contacts.

A native of Oregon, Neill became the first director of the new department of public relations for the Disciples of Christ in 1954, and pioneered in developing a program of press relations, broadcasting and national magazine feature story contacts.

A 1949 journalism graduate from the University of Oregon, Neill also attended Northwest Christian College, Eugene, Ore.

The Neills have three children: Pat, 13, Barbara, 11, and Marylu, 7. The family will move from Indianapolis to the Hiram College campus June 15.



William Alexander

**Detroit Pastor Had
Served in Kansas City**

Warren Grafton Was Distinguished Minister

DETROIT, MICH.—Warren Grafton, 58, pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church here, died April 7 in Henry Ford Hospital. He had been pastor of the church here for nearly seven years.

Born in Ann Arbor, Mich., Dr. Grafton was the son of a preacher and represented the fifth generation of ministers in his family. His father, T. W. Grafton, was minister of Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, Ind., for 15 years. His grandfather, Barton W. Johnson, was one of the founders and early editors of "The Christian-Evangelist" and president of Oskaloosa College, now Drake University.

He was a graduate of Butler University and received his B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York City. In 1945 he was awarded the D.D. degree by Texas Christian University, Fort Worth.

Prior to his ministry here Dr. Grafton was pastor of Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City Mo., for eleven years. In addition he served for ten years as pastor of First Church, Los Angeles, Calif., and three years with Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1956 he was one of ten American ministers selected to preach in England in an exchange program sponsored by the National Council of Churches.

He travelled extensively in Europe and had been a delegate to the World Council of Faith and Order in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, William W. Jr., and Thomas W.; a daughter, Mrs. Fullerton R. Boyd; and a sister, Miss Allena Grafton, who for many years directed the women's work for the Christian Churches of Southern California.

Services were conducted by Edward S. Moreland, minister of the Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, and Neil Guy, associate minister of Central Woodward.

Abbott Book Dies in Piedmont, California

PIEDMONT, CALIF.—Abbott Book died of a heart attack at his home here on April 4. He was 71 years old.

In 1958 he retired from the active



Warren Grafton

ministry after serving as executive director of the Northern California-Nevada Council of Churches for over 15 years. Recently he was named as part-time executive director of the Council of Churches of Central Contra Costa County with headquarters here.

Dr. Book was one of the pioneers in the field of local church directors of religious education and a leader in starting the "expanded session program."

He began as director of religious education with First Christian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1914. For two years he served in the same capacity with Walnut Hills Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. From 1920 to 1926 he was minister of education for First Church in Oklahoma City and then served 15 years in similar position with Union Avenue Church in St. Louis.

Survivors include his widow, two sons, a daughter and other relatives and friends.

Middlers' Conference

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—More than 100 second-year students from eight graduate seminaries attended the annual Middlers' Conference here April 19-21.

The conference is designed to bring students to a better understanding of Disciple agencies. It is sponsored by the Board of Higher Education.

Among the speakers were Lowell Bryant, pastor of the University Park Church, Indianapolis and Dean W. B. Blakemore of the Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago.

Christian Board Gives Largest Materials Collection

Historical Society Receives Materials

NASHVILLE, TENN.—The Disciples of Christ Historical Society has officially accepted the distinguished collection of American and British periodicals purchased by the Christian Board of Publication, and collected by Dr. A. T. DeGroot, Brite College of the Bible, Texas Christian University.

Special guests attending the April 29 acceptance dinner included brotherhood leaders, members of the original planning committee that brought the Society to Nashville, and scholars in the field of Disciple history.

Presentation of the collection to the Society was made by Dr. Wilbur H. Cramblet, president of the Christian Board of Publication. Dr. Willis R. Jones, president of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, received the collection in behalf of the Society.

Dr. Henry K. Shaw, librarian, Christian Theological Seminary, gave the address on the subject: "Having Fun With Periodicals."

At an earlier program, Dr. Claude E. Spencer, curator of the Society, spoke on the subject: "The Value of the Collection to Disciple Scholarship," and Dr. DeGroot spoke on "Some Experiences in Assembling the Collection."

The collection, the largest single donation of material ever received by the Society, includes nearly complete files of British publications from 1835 to 1959, including the Yearbook from 1884 to date.

Special attention was given to securing periodicals issued by direct-support missionary agencies and institutions, and also those supported by the Church of Christ.

After the collection is integrated into the Society's holdings, duplications will be available to Disciple seminary libraries.



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In New Haven, Conn. And Birmingham, England

Refresher Courses

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—Thirteen ministers, including nine Disciples, participated in the first of two "refresher" courses for 1960 held at the Disciple House located here.

The second of the conferences for ministers will be July 9 to 23 at Overdale College, Selly Oak, Birmingham, England.

At the first course there were two ministers each from Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Indiana and one from California, Georgia, Kansas, Oregon, Virginia, Wisconsin and South Africa. They are graduates of nine seminaries.

Leading discussions on "Contemporary Man and the Ministry" were such faculty and resource persons as Richard Niebuhr, Julian Hartt, Luther A. Weigle, Kenneth Scott Latourette, Claude Welch, William Lee Miller, Paul Vieth and Roland Bainton.

In evaluation statements at the close of the period the participants were unanimously favorable to the course, according to Dr. Parker Rossman, director of the center and program. One said, "I do not know of any other way in which one can have his horizons so enlarged, his perspective so sharpened, his intellectual life so enriched."

The two-week program is to be offered each year in January and late May or early June, Dr. Rossman said. The conferences are "by invitation only" and nominations may be made by state secretaries or state commissions on the ministry.

Driskill Leads Efforts In New York State

9 Eastern Campaigns

Bayne Driskill, Stillwater, Okla., recently completed a Comprehensive Evangelistic Campaign for nine Christian churches located in the northeast area of New York.

In early stages of the crusade the churches accepted goals totaling 519 new members. When the campaign reached the climax on March 13, the seven congregations reported additions totaling exactly 519.

Churches that participated included: Church of Christ, Dunkirk; Cleveland Heights, Richmond Avenue and University, Buffalo; Grove Street, Tonawanda; Central, Wurlitzer Park and Payne Avenue, North Tonawanda; and First Church, Niagara Falls.

In addition to local leadership Mr. Driskill was assisted in the campaign by Merrill Cadwell, Central Church, Warren, Ohio; Quentin Grey, North Street Church, Butler, Pa.; Philip Hollenbeak, Union Street Church, Schenectady, N. Y.; and William Hicks, Rochester, N. Y.

Honored by SDX

Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, has honored James M. Flanagan, associate editor of *THE CHRISTIAN*, by electing him to membership.

Mr. Flanagan was one of two Christian journalists installed by the St. Louis Professional Chapter at the Hotel Chase. The other other clergyman installed was Father Daniel Moore, Roman Catholic priest who is editor and business manager of the *St. Louis Review*, official newspaper of the archdiocese of St. Louis and the diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Arizona Dedication

MESA, ARIZ.—First Christian Church here has dedicated its new building.

Dr. Howard E. Short, editor of *The Christian*, was the dedication speaker.

George L. Phearson is the minister of the church.

● Charles E. Hannon has been called as associate minister of First Christian Church, San Angelo, Texas, from a seven-year pastorate with Sunset Park Christian Church, Santa Monica, Calif.



OUTSTANDING RECORDS OF SERVICE have been completed by these leaders—Miss Dorothy Gruetzmacher and Earl Fine of First Christian Church, Sterling, Ill. Miss Gruetzmacher has a 32-year record of church school attendance and Mr. Fine completed 50 years as church school superintendent last year. Brace E. Johnson is pastor of the church.

Centennial Speakers

Marine, Ill., Services

MARINE, ILL.—The Christian Church here will celebrate its centennial May 15.

Eldon Dittmore, pastor, announced that the two guest speakers will be Morris H. Pullin, general secretary of Illinois Disciples of Christ, who will speak at the morning worship, and W. Elbert Starn, executive secretary of the Disciples Council of Greater St. Louis, who will speak at the afternoon service.

The church has planned a special historical display. The congregation was organized in April, 1860. The present building was erected in 1871.



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH in Marine, Ill., is observing its centennial. This building was constructed in 1871.

**Spectacular Growth of
Sheridan Avenue Church, Tulsa**

The Church that Faith Built

TULSA, OKLA.—Eleven years ago today, 19 people meeting here in a laundry pick-up station, came forward to unite their lives for Christ and a new church was born.

Today that congregation, Sheridan Avenue Christian Church, is the seventh largest Christian Church in Oklahoma and last year led the entire brotherhood in evangelism with 342 total additions, 161 of which were by baptism.

Since that first Sunday, May 1, 1949, the church facilities have been inadequate to meet the needs of the congregation and community. This in spite of the fact that during the church's first five years a new addition was dedicated on each anniversary. Still there was not enough room to house the people.

Then, with a farsightedness and vision that has characterized this congregation, the church purchased four residential dwellings for educational room and two vacant lots for expansion. In 1958 the newly completed sanctuary seating 800 people was dedicated.

Beginning with an initial investment of \$5,000.00 under the sponsorship of the Tulsa Area Mission Board of Cooperating Christian Churches, the Sheridan Avenue congregation on its eleventh birthday owned property valued at half a million dollars.

Eleven years ago today Jim R. Lewis became minister of the church, the only resident pastor the congregation has had. Accepting Christ in the middle of the Pacific Ocean during World War II, he re-

turned to Tulsa and became an active layman in East Side Christian Church.

He dreamed of a church on Sheridan Avenue on the far east side of this expanding city. Perhaps more than any other man, to him must go much of the credit for the tremendous growth of this church.

The pastor is assisted by his wife, Betty, as together they have shared this dream. They have two children, Jimmie, 16, and Laurie, 2½ years old.

Recipient of many honors, Jim Lewis has been active as a civic leader. In 1956 he was named the Young Man of the Year in the City of Tulsa, the first time in the 25-year-history of this award, that a pastor had been so honored.

On the corner stone of the new sanctuary is a silent testimony: "The Church that Faith Built."

Ford Fellowship

BETHANY, W. VA.—Dr. David F. Ross, professor and head of the department of economics and business administration at Bethany College here, has been awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship to take part in the Regional Faculty Seminar in Economics this summer at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Report from Toronto

TORONTO, ONTARIO—A significant item in the annual business meeting of Hillcrest Church of Christ here was the burning of the \$45,000 mortgage taken in 1951 to finance the church's renovation program.

An attractive booklet illustrating the past year's activities was distributed to the members. The financial section showed that the members had contributed \$14,375 to causes "beyond our own," in addition to a local budget of \$30,151.

Herbert J. Simpson is minister of the church and the chairman of the board for the current year is Edward W. Heal.

● For Drake University

Foundation Grant

DES MOINES, IA.—A National Science Foundation grant of \$16,600 has been awarded to Drake University here to finance a summer program for a group of eleven secondary school teachers in the area of scientific research.

The program, scheduled to run from June 13 to August 12, will be under the direction of Dr. Leland P. Johnson, professor and chairman of the biology department.

Professor Johnson added that "the program will again be tied in with the cancer research now being carried on at Drake. The grant will support these teachers in working on problems involving cytology and biochemistry of normal hepatic cells and induced tumors in the livers of a special strain of mice."

Air Force Mission

ATLANTA, GA.—James W. Sosebee, minister of First Christian Church here, has been invited by the Chief of Chaplains of the U.S. Air Force to conduct a preaching mission for the Air Force personnel now stationed at Ramey Air Force Base, Puerto Rico.

This is a service rendered by civilian clergymen to overseas troops. The mission will be conducted May 15-18, 1960. Mr. Sosebee will also visit Disciple mission work in Puerto Rico.

God-Country Award

TOPEKA, KAN.—Eugene Stanley Ograd II received the God and Country award on March 6 at First Christian Church here. Scout Ograd is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ograd. The presentation was made by Roy L. Thorp, ad interim minister.



THE SANCTUARY of Sheridan Avenue Christian Church.

CAMPUS COVERAGE

● Name Honors Sadler

New TCU Building

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Texas Christian University's new \$1,200,000 administration building, due for completion this fall, will be named in honor of the university chancellor, Dr. McGruder Ellis Sadler.

In addition the board of trustees approved the awarding of three honorary degrees as follows: an LL.D. degree for Harold Kilpatrick, Austin, secretary of the Texas Council of Churches; D.D. degree to Robert G. Nelson, of The United Christian Missionary Society; and D.D. degree to Richard Crews, pastor of First Christian Church, Pampa, Texas.

Also the board made a sweeping revision of TCU's entire student-aid program in that only awards made to students for academic achievement will be known as "scholarships" and all other assistance will be listed as "grants-in-aid." The

university will abandon automatic scholarships to high school valedictorians and salutatorians and inaugurate as quickly as possible a program to award scholarships on an annual competitive basis. The need of the student will be the determining factor.

Microfilm Purchases

LEXINGTON, KY.—Purchase of a complete set of THE CHRISTIAN on microfilm by The College of the Bible here was announced recently by Roscoe M. Pierson, the seminary librarian.

Seventy-five reels of film containing every issue from 1868, when it was known as *The Gospel Echo* are included in the set. Thus far it has been filmed through 1956.

The Christian Board of Publication subsidized the cost of the original filming which was done by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.



PRE-MED STUDENT at Phillips University, Enid, Okla., John Iheaka from Nigeria, West Africa, displays the clothing he wears in his homeland. In his hand is the irukere, made of a horsetail, that is used in greeting people. Grandson of a chief of the Ibo tribe and son of an American oil company employee, John reported that the "first lion I ever saw was here in Enid, at the zoo."

Hiram College Quartet Going to Edinburgh



GOING TO EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, this summer to attend the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples) is the Hiram (Ohio) College male quartet. The group will sing with the 300-voice convention chorus and will perform as a unit at other convention sessions. Members of the quartet are (from left): Earle B. Doerschug, Silver Creek, New York; John Shoemaker, Webster, New York; Bill Crowl, Mansfield, Ohio; and Bob Shattuck, Poulitney, Va. The group will sail on the "Ivernia" July 22 from Montreal and return by air around Sept. 8.

Eureka Emphasis

EUREKA, ILL.—Langdon Gilkey, Vanderbilt University, and Hunter Beckelhymer, Hiram College, were featured speakers in the Religious Emphasis Period March 13-16 here at Eureka College.

Following each of the sermons discussions were led in the various college residences by Mrs. Ernest Baker, Willis Elliott, John Story, Merrill Hershberger, Mrs. Neil Sallee, Mrs. B. F. Burns, Ray Schultz and Lee Davis.

Special CTS Guest

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—George W. Crane, psychologist, medical doctor and columnist, was the guest lecturer at Christian Theological Seminary on March 16.

Speaking on "Psychology and Psychiatry of the Pulpit," Dr. Crane emphasized that just as the medical cine, and thus protects patients doctor practices preventative medicine, and thus protects patients from serious illness, so the minister has this opportunity with his congregation as he preaches each Sunday.

WS CAPSULES

✠ First Christian Church, BEAUMONT, TEXAS, is planning to build a new plant costing \$500,000 in the New Caldwell subdivision of the city. Construction of the first unit is scheduled to begin this summer. The new church will be on a ten-acre site, located across the street from the Caldwell school. The initial building will cost about \$300,000 and will consist of a combination fellowship hall and sanctuary as well as classrooms and offices. Kenneth E. Thorne is the pastor.

✠ The Oaks Christian Church, HOUSTON, TEXAS, dedicated a new education building on March 13 which was the second unit in the congregation's four-phase building program. The new structure has nine classrooms and cost \$41,000. E. R. McWilliams was the dedication speaker. William S. Montague is the minister.

✠ Forrest C. Wyman, field evangelist for Phillips University, directed a Christ Crusade for First Christian Church, Horton, Kan., recently. During the week of intensive visitation and week of preaching, 55 people were added to the church and several more came into the church during the pre-Easter season. Clarence R. Brooks is the pastor.

✠ Dr. Emory Ross is retiring as chairman of the board of the American Leprosy Missions, Inc., NEW YORK CITY. A Disciple minister, Dr. Ross has served the mission as a board member for 22 years. He will be succeeded by Dr. Arnaud Marts, chairman of Marts and Lundy, fund-raising counsellors.

✠ Representatives from 26 churches in the greater KANSAS CITY Area met recently in Country Club Christian Church to hear a program concerning Christian wills. Harrell A. Rea, executive secretary of the Christian Church Commission, was master of ceremonies.

✠ First Christian Church, LINCOLN, NEB., completed its current building program with the recent dedication of new sanctuary windows. Dr. Henry Harmon, president of Drake University, Des Moines, Ia., was the speaker. The windows are unique in the Lincoln area in that they tell the story of Jesus' life and teachings in symbols. Complete cost of the new sanctuary and windows was \$230,000. Charles L. Wilson is the minister.

✠ First Christian Church, BLUE SPRINGS, MO., is making plans for the first unit of a \$250,000 church building program. The initial unit, scheduled for completion in about a year, will cost approximately \$125,000. The structure will consist of the fellowship hall which will serve as a temporary sanctuary, a kitchen, two offices and classrooms for 18 groups. Also additional space probably will be available in the lower part of the split-level designed building.

✠ Midway Hills Christian Church, DALLAS, TEXAS, held a special Fifth Anniversary serv-

ice on March 6. Ray Bristol is pastor of this church which now has approximately 500 members.

✠ The University Christian Church, HYATTSVILLE, MD., recently conducted a Capital Improvements Funds Campaign under the direction of Harold Watkins of the Board of Church Extension. Earl S. Sisson was the local chairman of the campaign. A goal of \$20,000 was accepted, however 75 pledges were received totalling \$24,500 to be paid over a two-year period.

✠ Ground was broken on Feb. 28, 1960, for the first unit of the New Hope Christian Church, RAYTOWN, MO. Organized less than two years ago, the congregation will spend \$75,000 for the initial structure to be erected on a ten-acre site. The location was provided by the Christian Church Commission of Greater Kansas City and the Missouri Association of Christian Churches. Lyndon W. Harper is the pastor.

✠ Westlake Christian Church, WESTLAKE, OHIO, celebrated its Fifth Anniversary with a

special service and congregational dinner on Jan. 31. Guests for the day included the original sponsoring committee, former members, founding pastor Ray M. Wolford, interim pastor Dr. Charles Adams and Roy Bosh, director of the Ohio New Church Campaign. Albert O. Kean is the minister of the church.

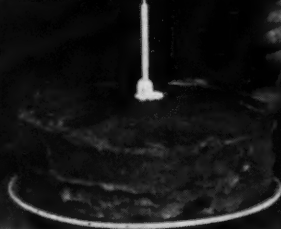
✠ The Bi-State office of the South Idaho Society of Christian Churches and the Utah State Christian Missionary Society is now located in downtown BOISE in the Sanna Building at 910 Main Street. The office was formerly located in the home of the secretary-director, Lloyd Balfour.

✠ Rhodes Thompson, Jr., pastor of First Christian Church, DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., was recently honored by Bethune-Cookman College in that city when he was cited by the president, Dr. Richard V. Moore, for his contribution in religion and human relations and for his leadership of youth. A Negro minister preached for Mr. Thompson at his church on Race Relations Sunday.

✠ A family-type retreat is being sponsored by the Committee on Military and Veterans Services for our chaplains in EUROPE and AFRICA July 26-August 1, 1960, at High Leigh, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire, England. Carl M. Boyd, director of Chaplaincy Services, has announced. The retreat grounds is 19 miles north of London, a short day's journey to Edinburgh where the World Convention will follow Aug. 2-7.

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Scouts Receive God and Country Awards



FIVE SCOUTS RECEIVED the God and Country Award at First Christian Church, Pomona, Calif., on Feb. 7. R. Lee Pryor, minister, is pictured with the boys: (from left) David King, Timmy Wright, Terry Watkins, Donald Curty and Ronnie Watkins. Pomona Scouts from Troops 1, 2 and 16, Explorers from Post 7 and Cubs from Pack 9 participated in various parts of the worship service.



—Photo by Topp Studio

THREE GIRL SCOUTS received the God and Community awards at First Christian Church, Sikeston, Mo., recently. Pictured are the girls with their parents and minister: (from left) Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Chidester and Jeri Lou; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis and Virginia Bee; Mr. and Mrs. Stan Bush and Bonnie Jo; and the minister, Wayne Davis.



PAUL C. HOWLE, minister, First Christian Church, Mobile, Ala., presented God and Country awards on Feb. 7. to: (from left) Jimmy Maxwell, Bobby Howle, Max Woodruff and Gaines Lockler.



EIGHT BOY SCOUTS recently received the God and Country awards at Holloway Street Christian Church, Durham, N. C. (From left, front row) Jimmy Ivey, Junie Vick, Kenneth Foreman and the minister, L. B. Scarborough; (from left, back row) Joe Henry Ivey, Lewis Bowles, Tommy Pope, Michael Deal and Michael Poole.

Poster Contest Announced . . .

CWF Plans Second Assembly in 1961

INDIANAPOLIS—Officers of the International Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF), looking forward to the second Quadrennial Assembly of CWF women in 1961, are conducting a poster contest.

The contest, which will close June 1, 1960, is being conducted by the publicity committee of the CWF Quadrennial, which is headed by Mrs. Lyle Lindsay of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Judges named by the committee will determine the poster which they believe will best illustrate the theme of the Quadrennial Assembly, "Choose Ye This Day." They will meet June 2 for judging.

The winning poster is to become the official Quadrennial poster and will be used on the program book cover for the assembly, which will be held July 19-23, 1961, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

The first entry in the contest recently was received by the CWF Department of The United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis. It was sent in by Mrs. Kenneth L. Cline, 2800 Leith Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Mrs. Lindsay said the initial entry fulfills the general requirements of being original, dealing with the theme and being prepared in black and white with colors indicated so that it may be printed in two colors. She said that judging is to be on artistic design, effective illustration of the theme and usefulness as a poster.

No prizes are being offered. The winner is to receive recognition of the International CWF committee. The design is to receive wide use in Quadrennial materials.

● For Christian Action

Workshops in Oregon

PORTLAND, ORE.—Following the Oregon Christian Assembly in Portland, Thomas Griffin of the United Society led a series of Christian action workshops in Oregon.

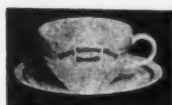
Those attending the workshop were Oregon State College students, including a number of students from foreign lands. Adults from Corvallis were welcomed as observers.

The first was held in Corvallis at the Christian Student Center under the chairmanship of Richard Flood.

Resource leaders were Mark Smith, administrator of the Civil Rights Division of the Oregon State Bureau of Labor; Mrs. Emily Logan of the Oregon State Industrial Action Commission; Dr. C. W. Hovland

of the department of philosophy and religion at Oregon State College; and Daniel Wessler, campus minister of the Westminster Foundation at Corvallis.

Other workshops were held at Coos Bay, Coquille, Roseburg, Lebanon, Forest Grove, Milton-Freewater, Ontario-Nyssa, and Burns. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wood provided transportation for Mr. Griffin.—RAY S. HEWITT.



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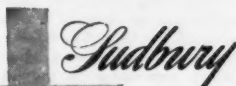
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● Swanders Report on a
New Evangelistic Emphasis

Awakening Interest in Evangelism in Mexico

AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO—

Courtney and Lois Swander, missionaries to Mexico serving under The United Christian Missionary Society, report an awakening interest in evangelism here.

A new project in evangelism and church growth was begun four months ago. Called the "Squadron of Advance," the program involves visiting a different church group of Christians every Sunday with a team of missionaries and Mexican nationals offering classes, special services of worship and religious literature to the people.

The Swanders report that the most unusual feature of this new approach to the matter of keeping in contact with all of the churches in central Mexico is that it is sponsored by the Christian Church congregation in Aguascalientes.

That congregation has released its missionary members from regular Sunday responsibilities and sent various members with them on these weekly visits that began in January.

In the past nine weeks the "Squadron" visited 10 places and traveled 1,500 miles. The most remote of these churches was 150 miles from here.

The ten persons who have served on various visits have not found them to be "pleasure trips," reports Mr. Swander. The visitors have forded rivers, plowed through dust axle deep, picked their way through miles

of cactus, bounced over rocks and boulders eight or nine inches high and reached elevations of over 8,000 feet. At times the winter cold has been bitter and the beds on overnight trips have sometimes been hard boards covered with a single blanket.

The Swanders report that for the Squadron leaders, going all day with a breakfast of beans and oatmeal is a part of the routine.

In San Antonio de Panuco there were five confessions of faith, four of them teachers in the public school, and in Guadalupe there were two. In Tenayuca there were nine confessions. In La Reforma there were eight confessions and four reaffirmations.

In the special classes that are a part of the program, help is given on the area of Christian home guidance and teachers are trained for children's groups. Elders and deacons are guided in their responsibilities and pastors are given counsel. Mr. Swander has set up a traveling library providing Bibles, Testaments and religious literature at cost.

The continuance of the "Squadron of Advance" is a work of faith. The pastor of the Aguascalientes church, John Huegel, has given much time to its organization and Antonio Garcia, a ministerial student, was elected its preacher and president.

Mr. Swander has been furnishing the mobility for the squadron and Mrs. Swander is serving as its secretary. The 1953 Chevrolet station wagon purchased with the savings of the Swanders since they were commissioned is giving yeoman service under conditions that are severe.

While the Swanders are not ap-

pealing for money, they are asking for prayers. In a recent newsletter they stated: "The Bible says, 'The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effect.' (Heb. 5:16.) With many of our friends across the United States praying for this new work we have faith that the expenses necessary to carry on will be met and that its members will be strengthened."

NEWS CAPSULES

✠ First Christian Church, McALESTER, OKLA., recently dedicated a new parsonage. The new structure is of ranch-style design, located at the edge of the city, containing three bedrooms, bath and a half, electric kitchen, carpeting, double garage and patio. Joe Samuels is pastor of the church.

✠ H. LaVerne Kinzel, associate secretary of the Iowa Society of Christian Churches, was honored in DES MOINES recently by some 100 Disciple leaders in the state for his ten years of service to the state organization.—Bruce C. Mosher.

✠ L. O. Leet and Idalee D. McCullar conducted a Stewardship-Evangelism Crusade recently for the Methodist Church in BURGAW, N. C.

✠ Carl Holloway, Jr., member of First Christian Church, McPHERSON, KAN., has been selected by the city's Jaycees for the 1959 Distinguished Service Award. Active in many community affairs, he serves the church as an elder, church school teacher and Cub Scout leader.

✠ Youth Sunday was observed at the Christian Church in JEFFERSONTOWN, KY., with the young people conducting the service. The sermon period consisted of two messages by the congregation's two Timothys, James Floore, Jr., and David Racel. A special offering was presented by the youth to assist in the purchase of a new camp site by the Christian Churches of Kentucky.

✠ Ramsey Memorial Home, DES MOINES, IA., has been given a new automobile by an anonymous donor. Mrs. Blanche Jenkins, superintendent of the home, said the family will use the car for the many trips to the doctor, dentist, church services and group meetings.—Bruce C. Mosher.

✠ South Hills Christian Church, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, has completed a building-fund campaign with pledges totalling \$44,654 on a goal of \$24,000. The congregation plans to begin construction of its next unit early this fall. Arthur M. Detamore is pastor.

✠ First Christian Church, MERCED, CALIF., held a fellowship banquet recently honoring the new members who have united with the congregation. Sponsored by the church's membership committee, 85 people were present, 37 of whom were guests. Sam L. Anderson is pastor of the church.

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S. California Churches Plan for Edinburgh

POMONA, CALIF.—With the sixth World Convention of the Churches of Christ, Edinburgh, Scotland, only a few months away, the Disciples of Southern California are completing plans for a large delegation.

More than 80 persons have completed registration thus far, though it is expected the number will exceed 100.

Fifteen of the registrants have made definite plans to sail on the official convention ship, the "Ivernia," from Montreal, while 22 have made plans to fly the polar route, directly from Los Angeles.

The official organizer has sent out a number of mailings to a large prospect list while the State Convention invited World Convention Executive Secretary Jesse M. Bader to its sessions last summer.

The state convention plans to hold its sessions early in June this year breaking an unprecedented summer schedule for the convention, thus making it convenient for Southern Californians to visit Europe and attend the Convention.

The Convention also voted to encourage the churches to contribute to a fund toward sending the executive secretary of the state convention and his wife to Edinburgh.

Southern California is out to have the largest delegation of any area at the Edinburgh Convention.—R. LEE PRYOR

Successful Two Years

CASPER, WYO.—Frank Edmund See has concluded his second year as minister of First Christian Church here.

During these two years over 400 new members have been received into the fellowship of the church, more than half of them by confession of faith and baptism.

The staff has been increased from four to seven with the addition of an assistant minister, Roy C. Leeds; a minister of education, Betty Ann Trescott; a second minister of music, J. Lloyd Lotspeich, who joins his wife in handling the growing

program of music. Also the congregation is considering the possibility of a third morning worship hour.

The First Christian radio pulpit, underwritten by the CMF and heard each Sunday as part of the second worship service over the most powerful station in Wyoming, KTWO, is attracting a large and appreciative audience. This broadcast reaches into homes of many ranchers who live in isolated areas of the state.

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Professor Bright, who teaches at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, is also the author of *The Kingdom of God, Early Israel in Recent History Writing* and articles in *The Interpreter's Bible*. His competence in the area of biblical theology enables him to see, behind the multitude of Old Testament personalities, dates, wars and unresolved problems, the faith which was basic to Israel's life for more than two thousand years.

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The style of the book calls for special comment. Clear and concise, it has a charming literary quality which will make the reader change his mind, if he thinks that Old Testament history, or its interpretation, must be dull and dry.

The usefulness of the book as a reference work for the general reader is increased by the inclusion of suggestions for further reading,

chronological charts, indexes to text and Scripture references, and the Westminster historical maps of Bible lands, with their index.—WILLIAM L. REED

Practical Information

The Nursery Department of the Church. By Jessie B. Carlson. The Bethany Press. 128 pages. \$1.00.

The Nursery Department of the Church by Jessie B. Carlson is a very practical and helpful book for everyone in the church who carries any responsibility for the nursery-age child: infants, toddlers, two-year-olds, and three-year-olds. It tells what children are like at each of these ages, and how their capacities for spiritual development may be adequately guided.

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Because of the wealth of information, and the many practical suggestions contained in this book, it can be used in many ways: as a study book, a resource piece of material or just for stimulating reading by persons interested in the spiritual development of the nursery-age child. It may be used by teachers, parents, the Christian Education Committee or a committee or persons wishing to interpret the church's nursery program to the congregation and the community.—MARY ELLIOTT

Your Companion

Youth's Companion to the Bible. By Ralph D. Heim. Muhlenberg Press. 245 pages. \$3.75.

History, law, romance, intrigue, adventure, all these are found in the Bible and it has been said that the Bible is truly a library in itself. Perhaps it would be fitting to compare it to the Library of Congress,

where there are a multitude of rooms.

Upon entering such a library, most adults, are immediately awed by the tremendous selections contained therein. To fully benefit from such a wonderful building, the intelligent adult, goes to the reference desk to seek the information he wants.

If this, then, is true for adults, how can we give to youth this tremendous library called the Bible, and say, "Read and understand"? The youth is frightened by the vastness of the Book itself. For here in one volume is covered the history and legends of a human race, written during three thousand years.

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With this guide on the desk, used with the Bible, the youth of today can read and interpret the thoughts of the men that lived and wrote those scrolls, which have been set down as a guide to Christianity. This book, by Mr. Heim, has one error in its title, as far as I am concerned. Rather than calling it *Youth's Companion to the Bible*, I believe he should have called it, "Your Companion to the Bible." No Sunday school teacher, or youth counselor, should be without this volume.—FRED J. LARSON

Concerning the Pope

Encyclopedia of the Papacy. By Hans Kuhner. Philosophical Library, Inc. 249 pages. \$6.

Whether or not belief in the infallibility of the Roman Catholic Pope is held, this volume will be of interest to every Christian, Protestant or Catholic, as an aid to understanding all humanity more fully. Mr. Kuhner's concise, chronological, careful consideration of the official sequence of the past 260 Popes and "anti-popes" and other schismatic claimants of the throne of Popes" is fetchingly recorded.—PHYLLIS ABRAMS

Just Among Us Lay Folks

by Carl R. Brown

ON BEING CHRISTIAN WRITERS

NO! NOT editors, columnists or authors, although the field of Christian literature is in urgent need of both professionals and amateurs.

Rather, we are thinking of a niche any or all can fill who have good news to share, ever-ready pencils to jot it down and postage to speed it on its way.

For instance:

G. H. is a retired businessman, for years confined to a wheel chair and never leaving his house. He cherishes a portable typewriter that serves as sending station. With cards and letters he keeps in contact with his host of friends.

These messages carry courage and good cheer. Each letter has a brief but fervent prayer for the recipient and for the causes claiming their mutual interests.

Mrs. C. H. is another wheel chair refugee. Before her illness she was a devoted member of a women's class in the church school. She made a significant contribution to class discussions by her thoughtful observations.

Since her confinement she has

continued her rich influence by sending written comments on current lessons.

The ministry of letter writing may be comparable to the ministry of the pulpit or pastoral calling. Letters, even informal notes, have several distinctive advantages over other forms of communications.

1) Letters are personal, not hit and miss. Each bears the name of the one for whom it is tailored.

2) Letters can be read at convenience.

3) Letters can be reread and studied.

4) Letters can be referred to repeatedly, laid away and preserved. Some become precious in time.

Several years ago an Adult Church School adopted as its Thanksgiving project the writing of at least three letters apiece, Thank You notes to those who had made lasting impressions on their lives, perhaps years before. A host of letters went out to teachers (day and church), employers, classmates, former neighbors.

These became, in many instances, two-way communications, reviving old friendships and making new acquaintances.

Several of our Purposeful Mission Tour members brought back names of nationals with whom they are in periodic contact. One such, a Filipino young lady, addresses us as "Mom and Pop."

When we consider the ease, availability, low cost and effectiveness of writing letters, or informal notes, it is startling that so little use is made of this method by those who would render a Christian service.

Think of the joy and lift that a few moments may afford in areas such as these:

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Letters . . .

Internal Unity

Editor, *The Christian*:

This is a personal impression of the second Consultation on Internal Unity at Wichita (Kan.) in February. It looked too much like an array of defenders of either the independent or the cooperative views; too little like a wooing approach. And yet no doubt many present, now affiliating with one or the other, would not disfellowship their brethren for the differences that were made prominent in such a discussion as that at Wichita. They can see agreements more in number and in importance than their disagreements.

The impression that representatives of The United Christian Missionary Society gave me was that they were defending the organization. References to fundamental doctrines and practices seemed to be presented as so many justifications for the organization and of brotherhood publications and also as reasons for making these the avenues through which the whole brotherhood ought to be rendering its wider service. They missed a good chance of showing that these doctrines and practices are for the most part, common to the whole brotherhood and the best of reasons for unity. And they also missed an opportunity to recognize that the good work being done by their independent brethren is a part of brotherhood achievement.

The impression that representatives of the independent movement gave me was that they were defending direct support work for these reasons: To be free from participation in the liberal view which they think practically makes out the Bible as a human expression rather than a divinely inspired expression of the Word of God; to be free from participation in a system of agencies which seem to them practically to usurp the place of the church as the divine institution for carrying out the ministering service of the church; and finally to be free from the "open membership" practice which they think practically disavows the necessity of baptism in the process of conversion.

And yet no doubt very few of the cooperatives would take the Bible as any other than the inspired Word of God though differing as to

the extent to which it shows the human means through which God has revealed Himself. Likewise most all would hold the church as a divine institution and the agencies as only one method of carrying out the mission of the church. And only a few would accept baptism as any other than a command of Christ, though differing as to just what attitude to take toward the unimmersed whom they recognize as Christians.

We can have unity among us, an undisturbed brotherhood, only if we try to understand, rather than convince one another, for these differences are considerable though not vital.

We will need to recognize shades of difference in concepts of the nature of the Bible and of Christ, and leave it to the Lord as to how literalistic or how liberal one can be without nullifying the unique Sonship of Jesus.

We will need to rejoice that "in every way Christ is preached," whether by independent individuals, or through limited cooperatives, or through brotherhood agencies. We will need to allow for differences of attitude toward unimmersed, or any other short-on-obedience Christians as to whether they are in or out of the church, recognizing that after all it is not human judgment but the Lord that determines membership in either the local or the universal church.

In view of aggressive atheistic ideologies and rising competitive religions, which can be faced only by a church united under God, it surely behooves the Restoration Movement to get together if it is to count for very much in the movement toward one Church of Christ which we have always claimed as our goal.—W. F. BRUCE, *Oklahoma City, Okla.*

Not of This World

Editor, *The Christian*:

I want to express my thanks to you for the moving editorial, "The Will of God for These Times," March 13, 1960, and the problem which you delineated, the nature and extent of Christian accommodation.

As much as one may love the Church—because we love the Church—it appears increasingly that

we must ask if we in America have not gone too far in acclimating ourselves to the values and customs of these days, so that the thrust of the Christian message is blunted.

It is difficult, for example, to think of a single important social issue in the past decade where the Church has been able to speak in a creative and audible way. Whether race relations, continued testing of A-bombs, steps toward disarmament and easing of tensions; in each of these areas our testimony has been dissipated because of an unwillingness to speak with anything like a common voice. Why, we weren't even able to encourage barring of alcoholic beverages in airplanes, and in that instance we had the support of airlines pilots and stewards-esses!

It is difficult to explain these lamentable failures, difficult in part because we are all of us involved in the causes of the weak voice of the Church. Certainly, her continued division mitigates against any non-Christian listening too intently to her word.

But, it is probably also true, as I think your editorial indicated, that the Church is weak because it has too easily accommodated herself to the values and ways of secular society. We are at ease in Zion, and in every possible way. Our new buildings are not only functional, they are more often than not, opulent. I recall one congregation stating that it had spent \$40,000 on its new kitchen alone! In all sincerity, I find myself thinking of many successful preachers not so much as men of God as successful and important businessmen.

Perhaps the question I am asking is simply this: in our anxiety (and I use the word advisedly) to express our American conviction that the gospel is concerned with this world—with man's social order and the like, have we neglected too radically the equally valid assertion of our Lord that, in the ultimate sense, his kingdom is not of this world? This radical tension is not easily solved but have we "solved" it too easily by ignoring the tension? If Christians are unwilling to accept the offense of the Gospel, should we be surprised if the non-Christian is not even aware it exists?—GEORGE W. BARGER, *Boonville, Mo.*

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LET'S TALK IT OVER

by F. E. Davison

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ANSWER: Even though I possessed the wisdom of Solomon I would not attempt to make this important decision for you. This important decision must be made by you and by no one else—not even your wife. You ask that I give some reasons for and against retirement and that I will try to do.

Against Retirement

1. Retirement means a complete change for you. No longer will you have the intimate fellowship of people who are on the mountain top of great joy or walking through the deep shadows of suffering and sorrow.

2. Unless you have built up a strong financial backlog you will no doubt have to count your pennies more carefully than you have done for some time. I assure you that starving to death is not so bad but it does take a long time.

3. Failure to develop any hobbies or to adjust yourself to new conditions may mean that you will have time on your hands with which you know not what to do.

4. You will no longer be called upon to offer the invocation at the Chamber of Commerce meet-

ing or the benediction for the P. T. A. You will miss the feeling that you are a part of your community and striving to make your city more like the City of our God.

For Retirement

1. No matter how good your health may be and how vigorous you try to make yourself think you are, down deep you know that age does make a difference. A growing church needs experienced leadership but it also needs vigorous leadership.

Abe Cory used to tell of meeting his beloved friend Bishop McConnell after the bishop's retirement. Abe greeted him by saying, "Bishop, I have not seen you since your retirement. How are you anyway? How do you feel?" In his deep voice the bishop replied, "Brother Abe, I never felt better in my life, I never could preach better, I could never do more work or accomplish more than I can right now. All of which I believe and none of which is true."

2. After retirement you may have opportunity to do some of the things you have always wanted to do. In the first place you and your wife can live together.

3. Retirement need not mean that you are leaving the ministry. It may release you to start a new church or serve as an interim pastor. You can help prepare such a church for the coming of a new pastor and out of your experience you can with extraordinary freedom tell

the church how it should treat its new minister and family.

4. It may be that during your retirement you can show how a churchman should act in the pews. As a retired minister you can give encouragement and support to your pastor. Let us hope that you will not become one of his problem children.

5. In retirement you may find time to write those letters of appreciation that you knew should be written but you felt that you never had the time. You will find friends are of greater value than stocks and bonds.

This past week I received a letter from one of my retired minister friends that was worth its weight in gold. The letter was typed but the postscript was handwritten. I could not read the postscript but I know it was filled with love and good wishes.

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